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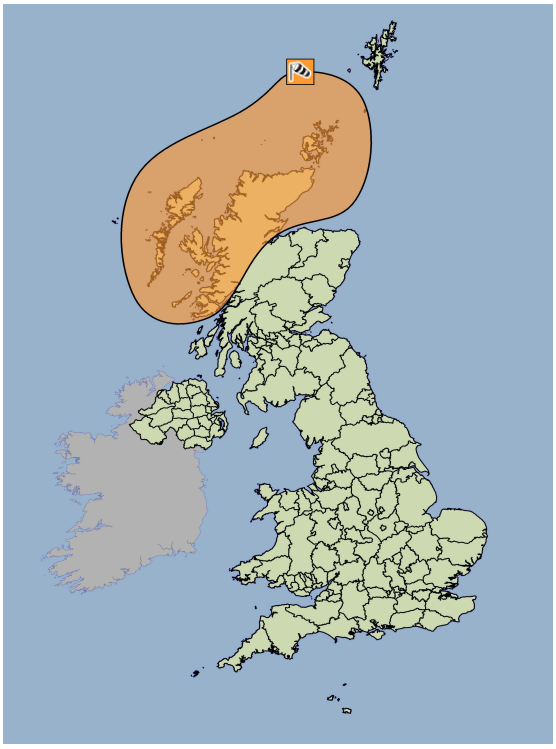

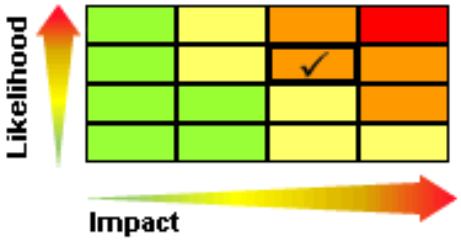

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A vigorous depression is expected to develop over the Atlantic during Thursday in association with a very strong jet stream. The depression is likely to run rapidly east northeast to pass northern Scotland early on Friday bringing a brief period of very strong winds to many northern areas of Britain. Confidence has increased in the track of the system, and also the strength and location of the strongest winds. Some significant impacts are likely, and this warning has now been upgraded to Amber. A separate Yellow warning covers other parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **22:00 on Thu, 08th Jan 2015** until **12:00 on Fri, 09th Jan 2015**

A vigorous depression is expected to run rapidly east passing northern Scotland on Thursday night and Friday morning. Winds will begin to increase late on Thursday to give a period of very strong westerly winds across the Western Isles, the north and northwest of the Scottish mainland and Orkney. Gusts of 80 to 90 mph are likely quite widely with a risk of gusts of over 100 mph in places. Winds should quickly ease from the west during the day.

The public should be prepared for the potential for disruption to transport as well as power supplies and the possibility of structural damage. Very large waves may also lead to dangerous conditions along some coasts.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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